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In re the Application of

Toshihiro SHIMIZU et al.

Group Art Unit: 3663

Application No.: 09/598,270

Examiner: A. Donnelly

Filed: June 21, 2000

Docket No.: 106558

For: VEHICLE DRIVE ASSIST SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY OF SIGNED AND INITIALED**  
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Sir:

Applicants filed an IDS submitting four references to the Patent Office on July 12, 2002. Applicants received a signed and initialed PTO-1449 acknowledging consideration of the references. However, Examiner Donnelly was not able to confirm entry of the signed and initialed PTO-1449 in the Patent Office file. A copy of the IDS with the signed PTO-1449 and PTO date-stamped receipt of the submission is attached for the Examiner's convenience. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm entry of the signed and initialed PTO-1449 in the Patent Office file.

Applicants assert this Request has no effect on the Patent Term Extension for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 12, 2002 IDS and PTO-1449

References

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Information Disclosure Statement, ck #132238 (\$180), PTO-1449, European Search Report and 4 refs.

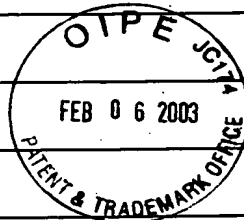
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
  - ☒ a. Attached is our check no. 132238 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.
- ☒ 2. The references (#3 & 4) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.



3. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/146,886, filed May 17, 2002, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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